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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jens Kossmann and Ruth Lorberth
Application No. : 09/746,390 Confirmation No. : 9564
Filed : December 21, 2000
For : PLANTS WHICH SYNTHESIZE A MODIFIED
STARCH, PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION
THEREOF AND MODIFIED STARCH
Group Art Unit : 1638
Examiner : David T. Fox

New York, New York 10020
October 17, 2002

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 2327
Arlington, VA 22202

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the June 19, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) to extend the time for replying to the Office Action for a period of one month. Thus, this response is timely filed.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

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